



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

INVESTING IN MID MICHIGAN

The Whitmer-Gilchrist administration has invested in every region of Michigan to deliver on the kitchen-table issues that matter most to families, communities, and small businesses.

Growing Mid Michigan's economy

- Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) investments:
 - Over \$15 million invested to support over 142 Business Development projects projected to create nearly 2,000 jobs and leverage over \$350 million in private investment.
 - \$67 million to support 70 Community Development projects, leveraging nearly \$400 million in private investment and reactivating 1.7 million square feet of public space.
- Delivered \$17 million to support over 1,500 businesses and retain more than 12,000 jobs through COVID, with 51% of relief going to geographically disadvantaged areas.

Empowering workers in Mid Michigan

- 5,918 Michigan Reconnect applicants in Mid Michigan are on tuition-free paths to higher education or skills training.
- 5,195 Futures for Frontliners in Mid Michigan who served on the frontlines of the pandemic have been accepted to get on tuition-free paths to receiving a diploma or attending community college.
- Created 2,242 new registered apprenticeships with a focus on supporting opportunities for underrepresented populations: veterans, women, people of color, those with disabilities, and young Michiganders.
- COVID relief:
 - Saved 32,994 jobs with Workshare program which allowed employees to collect unemployment benefit while working part-time.
 - Set up 42 virtual job fairs connecting 619 employers to over 1,915 job-seekers.

Fixing roads, bridges, pipes, and parks in Mid Michigan

- Fixed 1,145 lane miles of road and 221 bridges, supporting 10,070 jobs.
- Invested \$3.8 million to upgrade or repair state and local parks.
- Invested \$316 million into water infrastructure in Mid Michigan to upgrade sewer systems, replaced lead pipes, and protected safe drinking water for families.

Investing in students and schools in Mid Michigan

- Increased per-pupil funding by 16%, or \$1,279, for every student in Mid Michigan Since taking office.
- Expanded access to free preschool through the Great Start Readiness Program to 3,804 kids in Mid Michigan.
- Raised childcare funding per kid in Mid Michigan by 143%.

Building housing and keeping families in their homes in Mid Michigan

- Constructed 1,953 affordable, attainable housing units.
- Helped 1,579 families with mortgages and down payments.
- Kept 11,845 families in their homes with rental and utility assistance.
- Delivered emergency rental assistance to 26,797 families.

Proposals to cut taxes for seniors and working families in Mid Michigan

- Governor Whitmer's proposal to roll back the retirement tax would save 51,800 families in Mid Michigan an average of \$1,000 a year, putting \$51.8 million back in people's pockets and the local economy.
- Governor Whitmer's proposal to triple Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit would deliver an average combined tax refund of \$3,000 to 75,800 working families in Mid Michigan, putting \$227.4 million in people's pockets and the local economy.

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